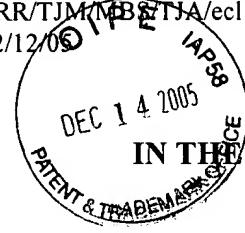


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The claims fee has been calculated as shown below:

					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
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TOTAL	66	MINUS	* 52	14	X \$25	\$ []	X \$50	\$ 700
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM								
* not fewer than 20 ** not fewer than 3					TOTAL= \$ <u> 0 </u>		TOTAL= \$ <u> 1100 </u>	

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- [X] Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the Final Office Action dated July 11, 2005 for two months from October 11, 2005 to December 11, 2005. The appropriate fee is set forth below.
- [] [For action-specific language in an extension of time, go to insert, file, public folders, firm templates, and select the appropriate paragraph.]

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Respectfully submitted,

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